

# DESOLATE REGION WARNED OF SUPER FLOOD

## PRIVATE MOTOR CARRIERS GET C. C. SUPPORT

Directors of Vernon Chamber Ask Legislature To Amend Law Requiring Permits for Distribution—Loving Cup Is Offered in Music Festival.

Directors of the Vernon Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday favoring passage of an amendment by the Legislature to permit private carriers hauling their own goods on the highways to operate without securing permits from the Texas Railroad Commission.

"In effect, we now have statutes which forbid private carriers hauling their own goods on the highways, such as wholesalers, manufacturers and merchants, unless they secure permits from the Railroad Commission, and yet the same laws virtually prohibit the issuance of permits to such 'shipper-owners' because of conflicts with permits already held by common carriers to haul over the same highways." It was pointed out by speakers discussing the question at the meeting. They declared the situation is extremely serious and ridiculous, and that if existing laws were strictly enforced no wholesaler or jobber, manufacturer or merchant could remain in business if delivery of merchandise by trucks over highways is essential to their successful operation, which, it was stated, usually is the case.

Johnson speaks. "We think it is eminently fair and just that such business concerns, and other bona-fide private carriers be excepted from the terms of existing statutes covering this question, because in order to properly carry on their business they must be allowed to transport over the highways in their own vehicles their own merchandise for sale and delivery to their customers," President T. Edgar Johnson said.

The resolution did not recommend the application of this principle to existing statutes, and its passage is believed likely within the next few weeks, officials of the Vernon Chamber said.

The directors discussed the status of the Davidson-Oklahoma bridge problem on State Highway 28 which connects at Red River with Oklahoma Highway 14, and will push as vigorously as possible the matter of securing construction of permanent structure across the river at that point. Part of the bridge was destroyed by fire last Summer, although a temporary crossing has been in use regularly since then. The Oklahoma Highway Commission also has taken a stand for a completely new and permanent bridge structure there, but no action by the Texas Commission has been taken, so far as local officials have been informed.

President Johnson said the annual membership campaign, launched last week, is not yet complete, but that committees are being asked to finish the work early this week. Good results have been seen thus far, he said, and a very successful campaign as a whole is anticipated.

Music Prize Offered. The directors voted to offer a silver loving cup as a prize to the High School Band making the best record in the contests to be held in connection with the annual Music Festival here, April 1 and 2, which will be sponsored by the North Texas Music Teachers Association. About 25 band organizations have been invited to participate from this section of Texas and Southwestern Oklahoma.

Attending the meeting were President Johnson, G. C. Morris, H. B. Alexander, Earl Adams, C. Q. Rogers, J. N. Wright, C. W. Shivers, R. S. Williams, J. A. H. Shivers, W. R. A. Adams, J. H. Shivers, J. R. Sharp, Eunice Wilson, J. L. Eggleston, and Secretary L. A. Wilson.

## HALL COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK'S FUNERAL HELD

Memphis, Texas, Jan. 26.—Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church here Monday afternoon for J. C. Cyfert, 47, Hall County District Clerk. Mr. Cyfert died at his home late Sunday following an illness of about a year. He was serving his third term as District Clerk.

His last official act was to administer the oath of office to Judge A. S. Moss of the One Hundredth Judicial District on Jan. 1. Surviving are the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Jan Eddy of Turkey, Mrs. Nana V. Offholter and Billie Faye Cyfert of Memphis; and a son, Travis Cyfert of Memphis.

## Wilbarger Quota For Flood Aid Increased

Plans for a house to house canvass to raise funds for the relief of flood victims were announced Tuesday by officials of the Wilbarger County Chapter of the American Red Cross as notification was received from National Chairman Cary T. Grayson that the quota for this county had been raised to \$220.

As continued rains sent rivers to the highest levels in history Red Cross officials here urged Wilbarger County residents to go far beyond the quota set as this county's contribution to the flood relief fund.

"We are confident the people of the section will not fail to do their part in alleviating the suffering of the victims of one of the worst disasters in the country's history," stated Frank Hood, chairman of the Wilbarger County Chapter of the Red Cross.

## COMMITTEES IN HOUSE READY TO LAUNCH HEARINGS

Austin, Jan. 26.—(P)—Committees of the House of Representatives planned to organize Tuesday for hearings on important bills. Among the groups which scheduled meetings were those on State affairs, oil and gas and revenue and taxation.

Members discussed the committee selections by Speaker Robert W. Calvert and speculated on probable actions on such controversial issues as repeal of the law permitting horse race betting, the oil and sulphur taxes and liberalization of old age pensions.

Calvert said he favored the new rule increasing the power of committees and urged the representatives to give great weight to their recommendations.

Heads of several important committees are less than 30 years old. The average age is only 28.

The Senate rules committee was ready to recommend that standing committees of that branch be given more power.

## SPEAKER ANNOUNCES HEADS OF COMMITTEES IN HOUSE

Austin, Jan. 26.—Speaker Robert W. Calvert of Hillsboro has announced personnel of House committees. Under new rules committees will have added power.

Representative Harry N. Graves of Georgetown was made chairman of the important appropriations committee. J. Bryan Bradbury of Abilene was assigned chairmanship of the liquor traffic committee; Eugene Worley of Shamrock, the oil, gas and mining group, and Alf Roark of Saratoga, revenue and taxation. Fred Matz of Ganado headed the state affairs committee.

Other committee chairmanships: Agriculture, Arthur B. Tarwater of Plainview; banks and banking, Arthur C. Riddle of Lockhart; claims and accounts, J. H. Waggoner of Whitebright; commerce and manufacturers, Ross Hardin of Prairie Hill; common carriers, W. O. Reed of Dallas; contingent expenses, Lon Alsop of Carthage; congressional and legislative districts, R. C. Lanning of Jacksonville; conservation and reclamation, George C. Moffett of Chillicothe; constitutional amendments, Wilfred H. Fox of Taylor; criminal jurisdiction, Howard C. Davison of Rotan.

Counties, C. M. McFarland of Wichita Falls; education, Charles H. Tenneyson of Wichita Falls; eleemosynary and reformatory institutions, John B. Patterson of Austin; engrossed bills, W. W. Bridges of El Paso; enrolled bills, Gus Herzik of La Grange; examination of comptrollers and treasurers accounts, A. S. Broadfoot of Bonham; federal relations, B. E. Quinn of Beaumont; game and fisheries, Ragun Jones of Eddy; highways and motor traffic, G. C. Morris of Greenville; insurance, Byron England of McKinney.

Interstate cooperation, Walter E. Jones of Jourdan; judiciary, Herman Jones of Decatur; judicial districts, W. H. Adkins of Brady; labor, J. Carroll McConnell of Palo Pinto; livestock and stock raising, D. M. Harris of Archer City; unconsented bills, Clarence E. Farmer of Fort Worth; military affairs, R. A. Fuchs of Brenham; municipal and private corporations, Tom B. Hyde of Lewisville; penitentiaries, Gaston Palmer of Norman; privileges, suffrages and elections, A. P. Cagle of Waco.

Public health, J. C. Davis of Rule; public lands and buildings, George A. Davison, Jr., of Eastland; public printing, B. F. Cathey of Quitman; rules, Alfred Petch of Fredericksburg; school districts, H. T. Brown of Jacksonville.

## SPEED URGED BY PRESIDENT ON FLOOD AID

Congress Hastens Debate on \$790,000,000 Relief Request Under Orders From Roosevelt To "Step on It!"—Plan To Increase Fund.

Washington, Jan. 26.—(P)—Congress joined the unprecedented Government flood aid program Tuesday by hastening debate on a \$790,000,000 Administration relief request, all of which may be used for disaster victims.

The fund was intended originally to care for work relief until July 1, but President Roosevelt gave out word it should be used for flood sufferers until the full extent of the damage is learned.

Then an additional appropriation will be sought.

Many branches of the Government, working day and night, exerted all their energies to aid the homeless, who had passed the half million mark.

"Step on It!" was the latest command of the President, said one member of his central relief committee.

House consideration of the relief bill was one example of the increased speed. Democratic leaders hoped to pass it by Wednesday night at the latest. It then will go to the Senate for quick consideration.

Opposition was headed by a liberal block under Representative Boileau (Progressive, Wisconsin, who, said, regardless of the flood emergency, an effort would be made to increase the appropriation to \$1,040,000,000.

Members from the stricken areas called for speedy execution of flood control projects costing \$310,000,000 which Congress authorized last Spring.

## HOUSE REPUBLICANS FORM PLANS FOR PARTY PROGRESS

Washington, Jan. 26.—(P)—The 89 House Republicans embarked Tuesday on a "militant" campaign of opposition to any Democratic proposals they deem inimical to the Nation's interests.

They instructed their leader, Representative Snell of New York, at a conference Monday night to name a nine-man policy committee to work out a party program.

"We are attempting to organize a militant cohesive minority," said Snell.

Several made it clear they considered this course the best basis for a drive to regain lost party power.

The House itself took up the most important measure so far this session—appropriation of a huge relief fund to last until June 30. The necessity of immediate flood aid spurred consideration, and Democratic leaders said they hoped the measure would pass by Wednesday night.

The Senate had only routine business.

## ALLRED URGES HOSPITAL AID

Austin, Jan. 26.—Gov. Allred Monday recommended additional facilities to care for the insane and expenses of the Attorney General's department.

In a special message, the Governor said an additional \$227,700 or \$274,500 was needed for the insane, depending on whether a new hospital was established in West Texas.

The appropriation would be all necessary for the next two years but would be made an emergency so work on the buildings could be started at once.

The \$227,700 would include \$1,127,000 for new construction to house 1,765 additional patients, \$176,100 for utility enlargements, equipment and facilities, and \$970,000 for fireproofing old buildings and providing fire escapes.

"If a new hospital for the insane is to be established in West Texas," the Governor said, "costing \$817,000 as recommended by the Board of Control, then the total would be increased by \$471,400."

## ESTIMATES ON RELIEF NEEDS IN SECTION GIVEN

Washington, Jan. 26.—(P)—The House appropriations committee asked Congress Monday to appropriate \$25,000,000 for immediate grants to 100,000 families in drought straits.

## As Flood Toll Mounted



Deeded when the surging waters of the Cumberland River undermined the Louisville & Nashville railroad tracks near Palmyra, Tenn., 15 cars of this freight train were spilled into the torrent causing heavy damage. The picture, taken from the air, shows the remainder of the train still on the rails and all the surrounding area submerged. Service on the L. & N. main line from Bowling Green, Ky., to Memphis, Tenn., was delayed by the disaster.

## JUDGE POTEET ADMITTED TO U. S. SUPREME COURT BAR

County Judge M. G. Poteet of Wilbarger County is now entitled to practice as an attorney before the United States Supreme Court. He was admitted to the bar of the Court last week while in Washington, D. C., as a representative of the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association on relief matters.

Judge Poteet was introduced to the Court by a classmate in the University of Texas in 1922, Congressman George W. Mahon of Colorado, Texas. Action of the Court in this case came on the last day in which an attorney could be admitted to the bar on the same day the application was made. Effective last Tuesday, a period of two weeks must elapse before the Court may admit an applicant.

Mrs. Poteet accompanied her husband on the trip. They spent one day in New York City and visited many points of interest in the East. Both stood in the rain during ceremonies in the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt last Wednesday.

Returning to Vernon Saturday night, they encountered the coldest weather of the 10-day trip. The only they saw during this time was at the beginning and end of the trip. "In getting back to Vernon, it seems as if we have been on a visit to a tropical country," Judge Poteet stated.

## Minister Succumbs

San Antonio, Jan. 25.—(P)—Funeral services were to be held Monday for Rev. T. Y. Adams, 56, who died here Sunday. He was a native of Flatonia, Texas, and a graduate of Baylor University at Waco. He had had churches at Calvert, Anson and Sweetwater.

## Geography of Wilbarger County as Compiled by Chillicothe Girl Gives Description of Natural Resources

Denton, Jan. 26.—A geography of Wilbarger County has been recently completed by Miss Belle Towry of Chillicothe, student at North Texas State Teachers College, as a term project in a course in geography in which she is enrolled at the college. The unit is book length and has been bound in the college bindery.

The book is the result of about four months' work. Miss Towry spent the Christmas and Thanksgiving holiday periods, as well as several weekends, in Wilbarger County visiting and interviewing county officials and old settlers, compiling a bibliography on the county, and making field trips to inspect various soil and water conservation projects and to get firsthand information on early settlements.

Several pages in the book are devoted to pictures and drawings of the old cattle brands used by cattlemen of Wilbarger County. A chapter deals with the history of early settlements and with agricultural development of the county. Stories are included in the book as they have been told by the pioneers themselves. The writer describes the first ranch in the county, the "R2" which was established in 1879 by W. B. Wortham of Henrietta. Another chapter tells of the establishment of mail lines in the county.

A feature of the unit is a group of colored drawings of native wild flowers of the county. Maps drawn to scale show oil and gas wells, railroads, highways, the geographic location of Wilbarger County in Texas, the county's creeks and drainage system, county schools, and old cattle trails which crossed the county.

Vernon as the county seat is discussed in one chapter in which the city's industrial development is traced. Tables show the population of the county and its towns, as well as the mean temperature of the region and general weather conditions. A table on county financing, including the county auditor's report, is included in the book. A concluding chapter shows how the towns of the county received their names, and other chapters deal with the county's Indians and the geological formations in the county. A group of poems depicting life in Texas and its western counties completes the book.

## JURY ACTS IN DAMAGE SUIT THREE PLAINTIFFS ARE FAVORED AFTER LONG STUDY HERE

Findings of a Forty-sixth District Court jury here late Monday favored three of four plaintiffs in the damage suit of G. T. Odom et al vs. J. F. Powell. Answers to 32 special issues submitted to the jury at 11 a. m. last Friday were given to District Judge W. N. Stokes who plans to enter judgment in the consolidated suits as soon as other jury trials are completed this week.

Compensation for the plaintiffs was recommended by the jury as follows: Mrs. Marie Johnson, \$1,000; Miss Dorothy Freeman, \$2,000, and John M. Freeman, father of Dorothy, \$500. Compensation was not recommended for G. T. Odom. He was the driver of the pick-up delivery car in which Mrs. Johnson and Miss Freeman were riding when it overturned after a collision with a truck owned by Mr. Powell, manager of an oil agency at Paducah, Everett Odom, another passenger in the pick-up, received slight injuries. Hospital treatment was required by the other three. George Allison of Crowley, driver of the truck, was uninjured and the truck was only slightly damaged.

Damages totaling more than \$900,000 were sought by the plaintiffs as follows: Mr. Odom, \$36,000; Mrs. Johnson, \$31,500; Miss Freeman, \$20,000; Mr. Freeman, \$2,800.

Testimony was completed late Monday morning in the murder trial of Mabel Mallory, Negress, and arguments before the jury were expected to start early in the afternoon.

## POLICE CLASH WITH STRIKE PICKETS AT DETROIT

Detroit, Jan. 26.—(P)—Police and pickets clashed again Tuesday in the General Motors strike, five persons being hurt as union men sought to prevent office workers from entering the Cadillac plant of the corporation here.

The clash followed closely upon a disturbance Monday night at Anderson, Ind., in which three persons were hurt. The Cadillac unit is one of those in which a sit down strike recently was called by the United Automobile Workers of America. It was not one of the plants the corporation planned to reopen Wednesday, however.

From the union sound track at the scene came the announcement: "Wednesday we will have a real picket line and nobody will get in."

The strike extended from coast to coast for the first time as the corporation completed plans to return 30,000 of its more than 125,000 idle employees to work.

About the time General Motors officials here announced the recalling of workers to 10 plants in Michigan and Indiana a disturbance in which three persons were hurt and property was damaged occurred at Anderson, Ind., where two subsidiaries are closed.

The strikes, which had extended from New Jersey to Missouri and from Georgia to the Great Lakes, spread to the West Coast Monday afternoon when the union called walkouts in the Chevrolet and Fisher plants at Oakland, Calif.

## FIVE REPORTED HURT IN CADILLAC PLANT CLASH

Detroit, Jan. 26.—(P)—A woman and four men were injured Tuesday when police and pickets clashed at one entrance to the Cadillac Motor Car Company plant here. Union leaders said police swung their clubs on the pickets surrounding the plant.

Six automobiles got through the picket lines into the plant. Police said they carried executives of the company.

The five persons, suffering head injuries, were taken by union workers in private cars to receive medical attention.

Fighting broke out between police and pickets about 8 a. m. when an automobile containing two men attempted to pass through a line of pickets at a gate leading to the executives' garage.

A group of men, aided by a few women, attempted to overturn the car but police charged the group with clubs.

While the picket line was in disorder, three more automobiles went through the gate. Two had gone in before the violence started. Each car was occupied by several men, apparently foremen and officials.

## PLAINVIEW MAN HELD AFTER FATAL SHOOTING

Plainview, Jan. 26.—(P)—H. B. Stevens, filling station operator, Monday killed Ed L. Kenyon, 34, of Tulsa and wounded his estranged wife as his two children looked on.

## THOUSANDS AIDED IN FLIGHT AS YELLOW TORRENT ENGULFS WHOLE TOWNS IN RECORD RISE

Cincinnati's Marooned Population of Over Half Million in Desperate Straits To Obtain Polluted Water To Boil for Drinking Purposes.

Cincinnati, Jan. 26.—(P)—Cincinnatians trudged up and down the city's seven hills Tuesday, carrying cans, jugs, bottles—anything in which a little of the city's vanishing supply of drinking water could be gotten to their homes.

While the churning Ohio reached and held to an apparent peak in its relentless charge down the valley, Disaster Dictator C. A. Dykstra reduced the water ration to one hour, and then it was available only in the lower sections.

Half the city's 65,000 homeless crowded with remarkable cheerfulness into schools, churches and public buildings, waiting for the muddy water to fall sufficiently to permit a return to the havoc of what was once their homes.

Children, unimpressed of the grim circumstances, welcomed the novelty of the situation and ran gaily about the refuge camps.

Recreation directors arranged games and other diversions for their elders.

Family groups remained intact, except that overnight sleeping arrangements placed fathers and mothers in separate dormitories.

Red Cross workers took complete charge of the city's distressed and assisted State sanitary authorities in the administration of serums to prevent typhoid, small pox and diphtheria.

The fire which devastated the already flooded Mill Creek section on Sunday was out.

Firemen who guarded against another outbreak throughout Monday were withdrawn.

The yellow flood waters rose to the unprecedented height of 80 feet at 3 a. m. and remained virtually stationary. This was 28 feet above flood stage and nearly 10 feet above the previous record. There had been no rainfall for over a day.

At least eight were dead here. The Red Cross estimated 100,000 Ohioans were homeless. Of the greater Cincinnati's 750,000 inhabitants, 60,000 were desolate.

Ever present was the fire hazard. The city received only one seventh of its power needs but hoped to obtain more from outside cities. Meteorologist W. C. Devereaux raised his damage estimate to between 10 and 15 million dollars here.

## "DISASTER DICTATOR" IS NAMED AT CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, Jan. 26.—(P)—Martial law became a definite possibility Monday night as this stricken city named a "disaster dictator" with autocratic power to wage its battle against companions of catastrophe—flood, fire and disease.

Mayor Russell Wilson recommended A. and Governor Daves asserted it was inevitable.

In the perilous situation, the city council at a special meeting gave C. A. Dykstra, city manager, autocratic authority to direct all operations and impose whatever restrictive measures he might consider necessary.

## JOBLESS AID REPORT GIVEN

Washington, Jan. 26.—(P)—A prediction of a permanent unemployed class of about 5,000,000 persons, even during "prosperity" periods, reached Congress Monday together with the Works Progress Administration plan to drop 600,000 more workers from its rolls by June.

Both statements were made by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Administrator, who told a house appropriations subcommittee during hearings on the deficiency-relief bill that the outlook for this year "holds promise of 4½ to 7½ million unemployed." A record of the secret hearings was made public when the bill was reported to the House.

"For the more distant future, when prosperity levels materially exceed those of 1919," Hopkins said, "it appears probable that the four to five million unemployed will be the minimum. This minimum can be expected to increase with each recurring depression—and the recurrence of depressions appears as an unavoidable feature of the present economic order in this country."

## TEXAS GRANTS EXTRADITION OF MAN WANTED IN ROBBERY

San Antonio, Jan. 25.—(P)—Judge W. W. McCrory has granted Florida officers the right to extradite Paul H. Sloan who had been arrested here for Jacksonville, Fla., officers on a robbery charge.

The defense gave notice of appeal. The Florida officers alleged Sloan had been charged in Jacksonville with robbing A. B. Crews of a taxicab and \$4.

Army Engineers Predict Greatest Disaster Since Johnstown Catastrophe With Death Toll of 111 Reported and Property Damage in Millions.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Fear-stricken tens of thousands covered behind weakening levees or fled to higher levels Tuesday as the monstrous yellow tide of the Ohio River swelled to record-breaking flood heights on its sweep to the Mississippi.

Eddying in muddy, slow-rising torrents, the waters spread over an area of more than a million acres, taking a toll of at least 111 known dead, driving 550,000 from their homes and leaving many thousands more marooned in precarious straits. Whole towns and villages showed only rooftops.

"Worst Yet To Come."

Property damage was estimated far in excess of \$100,000,000 and an even sadder toll from city officials and army engineers, came the warning: "The worst is yet to come."

Wholesale evacuations of flood-sieged towns in Tennessee, Western Kentucky, Southeastern Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi signalled the greatest mass flood exodus in history.

From Pittsburgh in the north, where anxious crowds watched the flood relentlessly spread over the edge of the billion-dollar business district, to the crest of the deluge sweeping into the Mississippi River beyond Cairo, Ill., a panorama of water desolation extended mile on mile.

In the lower Mississippi Valley, where 600,000 were made homeless in 1927, authorities awaited the big test of the great system of dikes and levees built along a 300-mile stretch of the Mississippi after the 1927 disaster.

"Super flood is on its way," came the grim warning from Lieut. Col. Eugene Reynolds, District Chief of U. S. Army Engineers, at Memphis Tenn.

## New High Predicted.

Reynolds predicted flood stages along the Mississippi at least 10 feet higher than records set in the tragedies of 1913 and 1937.

President Roosevelt, anxiously watching the progress of the tidal sweep through eleven states, sent out the crisp command to legislators debating a \$750,000,000 relief request: "Step on It!"

Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administrator, estimated 650,000 to 700,000 would be homeless by Wednesday or Thursday.

Red Cross officials renewed their urgent appeal for contributions to a \$4,000,000 relief fund. The first day of appeals at National headquarters totaled \$55,623, representing early returns from a small number of chapters.

As the turbulent waters plunged south, guardians near Cairo, Ill., dynamited the \$21,000,000 Birds Point-Near Madrid floodway levee, sending millions of gallons of pent-up fury tumbling into the 131,000-acre lower area bounded by a new 60-foot setback levee.

Levee Strengthened.  
Workers toiled feverishly to strengthen the weak link in the mainline levee below Hickman, Ky. Sandbags by the thousands were flung up against the weakening barrier.

"We saw settlements completely surrounded by water," reported Charles A. Wilson, Assistant Indiana WPA Administrator, after a plane inspection of the Hoosier flood scene. "It appeared doubtful if these people could be aided except by dropping food, medicine and other supplies from airplanes."

Relief trains ventured cautiously over flood-endangered roadways to coastal points in the vast flood area, bringing in supplies to stranded refugees and evacuating thousands from the more critical centers.

In many districts, human misery reached a peak virtually unknown since the Johnstown flood in 1889.

## OFFICERS OF VERNON I. O. O. F. ARE INSTALLED

Mike Wilkinson was installed as noble grand of Vernon Odd Fellows Monday night at a meeting in the lodge hall. Other officers installed were: Lewis Henderson, vice grand; Roy B. McClendon, recording secretary; M. V. Liles, finance secretary; G. Z. Riedel, treasurer, and Oran R. Key, team captain. The noble grand and vice grand are to serve six months and the others for a year. J. D. Nix is the retiring noble grand. Officers appointed by Noble Grand Wilkinson are: Quannah Parker, warden; T. M. Bradbury, conductor; Clarence Nix, chaplain; M. F. Shepherd, right scene supporter; B. S. Foster, left scene supporter; Wade Wilkinson, inside guardian; Vernon Nelson, outside guardian; John W. Walker, right supporter to noble grand; Frank Cook, left supporter to noble grand; O. R. Key, right supporter to vice grand; Bennie Fields, left supporter to noble grand. Visitors were present from Elliott, Truscott and Chillicothe.



## TAXPAYERS BEGIN RUSH

INTEREST AND PENALTIES  
BECOME EFFECTIVE  
AFTER JAN. 31

A rush of taxpayers in the offices of city and county collectors is increasing with the approach of the Jan. 31, deadline for payment of 1936 taxes without interest or penalty. Jan. 31 is also the deadline for 1937 poll tax payments.

Delinquent city taxes will draw 10 per cent interest after Jan. 31. The interest on delinquent county and state taxes will be one per cent if paid in February, two in March, three in April, four in May and five in June. After June 31, delinquent taxes will draw eight per cent penalty, six per cent interest and costs. Persons who took advantage of the split-payment plan will have until June 31 to pay the second half of their 1936 taxes without interest or penalty. Dec. 1 was the deadline for first half payments.

## EVANSVILLE, IND., CLEARS WAY AS FLOOD INCREASES

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 26. (AP)—The rampaging Ohio River drove relentlessly higher and higher Tuesday over Southern Indiana's 250-mile flood-torn waterfront.

From Lawrenceburg in the south-east to Mt. Vernon in the South-west, the record-shattering high waters forced flood-weary refugees to flee northward in the State's greatest migration.

No one could estimate the damage, but relief authorities conceded "it would run into millions." At least six persons had died from exposure, and there were several unverified reports of drownings. More than 70,000 were homeless, and hundreds more left the stricken areas hourly.

Focal point in the turbulent scene Tuesday was this city of 102,000 more than one-third of the near-river sections was under water as the stream approached the 55-foot stage. Normal stage is 20 feet and flood stage, 35 feet. River forecasters foresaw a crest of at least 55 feet "late in the week."

Approximately 8,000 Evansville citizens headed northward overnight as dangers became increasingly apparent.

Business was at a standstill. Schools were closed. Transportation and communication were limited.

## SAN ANGELO INCREASES RED CROSS CONTRIBUTION

San Angelo, Jan. 26. (AP)—This city, caught twice in ten days during September, 1936, by record-breaking floods of the North, Middle and South Concho Rivers which caused \$5,000,000 damage as they swept through the heart of the city and on down the Colorado, Tuesday was nearing 200 per cent of its original Red Cross flood relief quota for the stricken Middle West.

The \$250 quota on which solicitation began Monday was oversubscribed by \$114. Many of those who gave were helped by the Red Cross last fall.

Earthquake Felt at Helena. Helena, Mont., Jan. 26. (AP)—A mild earthquake was felt in parts of Helena early Tuesday but the Weather Bureau said it caused no damage.

Record classified ads get results.

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NOW SHOWING

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ON LUXURY LINER...  
SOLVED BY A MOVIE DETECTIVE!

**MAD HOLIDAY**  
EDMUND LOWE  
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TED HEALY

Also—  
Comedy  
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UNSUNG HEROES OF THE SEA  
BRAVING DANGER AND DEATH  
FOR DUTY AND LOVE!

**MAJESTIC**  
Today Only

Mystery! Murder! Romance!  
"Two in the Dark"

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Big Stage Show  
"Strangest Show  
on Earth"

"MPSTERIA" Girl with 1,000 Eyes  
Oklahoma Hobo—Rado  
DR. FORD—Knows All, Sees All, Tells All.

PLUS  
Bill Boyd in  
"FEDERAL AGENT"

Today Only  
"The Man  
I Marry"

## Nazi Engineer Linked in Plot At Russian Mine

Moscow, Jan. 26. (AP)—Alexander Stein, German mining engineer, testified Tuesday at the trial of 17 confessed Trotskyist plotters he engaged in Siberian sabotage to help German named Flesser who told him in the Soviet Union.

The 35-year-old engineer, first foreign witness in the trial, declared through an interpreter he received his instructions through another German named Flesser who told him: "Germany had to recover her former power so Germans in the Soviet Union had to engage in wreckage so as to increase German strength and give her a free hand."

Flesser relayed the wreckage orders, Stein testified, after receiving them from "a person in an official position in the U. S. S. R. who would help us in case of failure."

Stein said his wrecking activities were centered in the coal mines near Anjer but "later I was reprimanded for insufficient wrecking."

The prosecutor and the presiding judge clashed heartily over mention of a "certain foreign official" in the trial of 17 confessed plotters for the overthrow of the Russian Communist Government.

"I absolutely object to restraining the evidence of a defendant," Prosecutor Andrei Vishinsky shouted and then argued bitterly for five minutes with Vasily Ulrich, presiding judge of the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court.

Ulrich asked the testimony to continue under stern warning that neither the name of the official nor his nation be divulged.

## FLOOD REFUGEES LEAVE TOWNS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 26. (AP)—Warned to "prepare for the worst," residents of the Upper Ohio Valley sped from their homes in ever increasing numbers Tuesday.

The Red Cross said 1,150 persons fled to the State Capital at Charleston on three special trains.

The specials were the last trains to leave the city. Suspenders joining the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad said all its tracks were under water.

The yellow tide crept into the Huntington police station and surrounding water park, shelling a population of 75,000.

Superintendent P. D. Shingleton of the State Police said the water company "cannot guarantee operation of its plant after this morning." Hundreds of families were homeless.

Huntington's principal business streets were under water. The flood rose steadily above 66.52 feet marks of the city's biggest previous flood in 1915, touched 67.3 feet and kept climbing early Tuesday.

A Coast Guard crew of 21 men sped to Wheeling to hurry evacuation of thousands of persons still remaining in flood threatened homes while the Ohio River climbed higher. The river was 10 feet above flood stage.

## INVESTIGATION OPENS IN FLORIDA BUS ACCIDENT

Miami, Fla., Jan. 26. (AP)—A three-way investigation was pushed Tuesday into the disaster that brought death by drowning to 17 passengers of a bus crossing the Everglades.

Expert mechanics, sent independently by civil authorities, State Railroad Commission and the bus operator, Tamiel Trail Tours, Inc., examined the big, mud-caked vehicle that rolled into a roadside canal 35 miles west of Miami.

The bus carried 30 passengers, its driver and a Negro porter, bound for Florida's West Coast.

Investigators agreed, after preliminary investigation, that some mechanical failure caused the accident. The company blamed either a tire blow-out or a snapped front spring shackle.

A Very Close Shave.

New York, Jan. 26. (AP)—Joseph Gabriel, barber, arrested for giving a shave in his shop on Sunday, told Magistrate Wieboldt his customer "was going to get married and he was too nervous to shave himself."

The judge studied an ordinance stating Sunday labor is a misdemeanor unless the work is a necessity and ruled: "If getting a shave before you get married isn't necessary, I don't know what is. Sentence suspended."

Got His Number.

Dallas, Jan. 26. (AP)—If Dr. J. U. Yarbrough, professor of psychology at Southern Methodist University, can remember his 1937 auto license number, he won't need to worry about amnesia. He asked and was promised license 238,926. His telephone number is 5-3926; his street address 9226; his safety deposit box 926; the number of years he has taught 26, and the age of his child is 6.

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## OIL OUTPUT GOES HIGHER

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE IN  
COUNTRY AT NEW PEAK  
DURING WEEK

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 26. (AP)—The second new high mark in the National production of crude oil in as many weeks was reported Tuesday by the Oil and Gas Journal.

During the week ending Jan. 25, according to the Journal's computation, the output of the Nation's wells was 3,107,487 barrels of crude oil daily, 31,927 barrels daily greater than the previous record reported a week ago.

Oklahoma production showed an increase of 5,625 barrels daily to 604,275 barrels, the production of East Texas was 451,795, an increase of nine barrels over the previous week and the total State of Texas increased 16,008 barrels daily to 1,264,834 barrels.

Louisiana's production jumped 3,745 barrels daily to 244,885, California decreased 5,500 barrels daily to 586,000 and Kansas increased 9,550 barrels daily to 178,875.

## ABILENE-HAMLIN RAILWAY IS MARTYR TO PROGRESS

Abilene, Jan. 26. (AP)—Grass soon will begin to grow on the right-of-way of the Abilene to Hamlin Railroad—a martyr to progress.

The 28-year-old line is a portion of the Abilene & Southern Railway, one of the major achievements of the late Colonel Morgan Jones, who died in 1926, bequeathing one of the largest estates known in Texas.

It will be abandoned under authorization of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the basis that it is losing money and is unnecessary.

The line is owned by the Texas & Pacific, which also owns the Abilene & Southern. The Texas & Pacific bought the railroad for \$1,000,000 from the Jones estate Jan. 1, 1927.

Abilene to Hamlin service has been routed over the Wichita Valley tracks to Anson, thence to the line terminus over its own tracks.

Jones built the Abilene & Southern in 1908 and also built the Fort Worth & Denver, and Abilene & Northern.

The Abilene & Southern, prior to large-scale truck shipments, was one of the most profitable short lines in America.

## DIRECT RELIEF DEMANDED BY WORKERS IN MONTANA

Helena, Mont., Jan. 26. (AP)—Workers Alliance members continued Tuesday what they called a "sit down strike" at Montana Relief Commission headquarters here.

The workers organization is demanding direct relief under a plan outlined in a bill now before the Montana Legislature, it was explained by Joseph Gray, who said, "we'll stay here until the demands are met." The workers also asked for an investigation of the Commission and for removal of Joseph E. Watson, State Relief Director.

## TWO HURT IN ACCIDENT REPORTED IMPROVING

Mrs. C. R. Wood, who received painful scalp lacerations in a collision between two automobiles Sunday, is reported in an improved condition at her residence in Castlebury Park. A small son, Lavell Clark, who received a broken rib in the collision, is also reported in a satisfactory condition.

## FOURTEEN RESCUED AS HOUSE FALLS IN FLOOD

Ripley, Tenn., Jan. 26. (AP)—J. W. Hedgepeth, Ripley newspaper editor, said Tuesday 14 persons officially reported drowned Monday night when their house collapsed into the Mississippi flood waters, had been rescued 12 miles west of the town. Hedgepeth said the group escaped a few minutes before the house gave way.

## NEW ROAD GRADER IS PURCHASED BY COUNTY

The Commissioners Court of Wilbarger County authorized the purchase Monday afternoon of a road grader with a 12-foot blade from the R. B. George Machinery Company of Dallas. The purchase of new tractor was also scheduled Monday, but was postponed until March 1. The new equipment is to be used in road work in Precinct 3.

## W. N. STOKES TO SPEAK AT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Judge W. N. Stokes will speak on "Alcohol, a Financial Asset or Liability" at a meeting of the officers and teachers of the young people's department of the First Baptist Sunday School Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church, according to an announcement by Mrs. H. H. Hargrove, department superintendent.

## PASSENGER VEHICLES BARRED FROM CINCINNATI STREETS

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 26. (AP)—The downtown tollier accustomed to driving to his work—if he is working—faced a new curfew of his freedom in this flood-ruled city Tuesday. Safety Director John J. Ames announced that passenger vehicles would not be permitted on downtown streets after Wednesday morning.

Record classified ads get results.

## Record Crowd May Honor President At Birthday Ball

The sale of tickets for the President's Birthday Ball Friday night at the Hill Crest Country Club continued briskly Tuesday as members of the Vernon Junior Chamber of Commerce urged Vernon residents to buy as a means of aiding the Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children at Warm Springs, Georgia, and also as a method of contributing to local charities.

The advance ticket sale indicated one of the largest crowds ever to attend a dance in Vernon would hear Louie Burns and his eight-piece orchestra Friday night. Junior Chamber leaders emphasized that all the profits from the dance would be given to charity, at the same time calling attention to the favorable reception given Burns and his orchestra in previous appearances here and predicting one of the best dances of the year.

Admission is \$1 per couple and the dance will continue from 9:30 until 1:30 o'clock.

## FLOODS AT A GLANCE

(By The Associated Press.) Washington—Congress hastens consideration of \$790,000,000 work relief appropriation bill, which President Roosevelt says will be used to aid flood disaster victims until extent of damage is determined. Major General Malin Craig, army chief of staff, calls Ohio River flood "worst that ever happened." Red Cross renews public appeal for \$4,000,000.

Louisville—Army troops move to establish martial law called by Gov. A. B. Chandler at request of city's emergency relief committee. Fire breaks out in downtown districts. Continue evacuation of two-thirds of 330,000 population. All electrical power off. Water supply limited. Ohio River reaches 55.3 foot stage, still rising.

Paducah, Ky.—Red Cross officials announced 14 persons drowned when rescue barge carrying refugees capsized, throwing them into waters flowing over streets. Survivors flown to nearby buildings.

Cincinnati—Ohio River virtually stationary, up-crested 80-foot level. More than 23 above flood stage. City has 60,000 homeless. City Manager C. A. Dykstra cuts water ration to one hour a day, says it may be reduced to 15 minutes daily. Health department advises supply is polluted, should be boiled.

Evansville, Ind.—About 8,000 of 102,000 residents start exodus as Ohio nears 53-foot depth, 18 feet above flood stage, with 55-foot level predicted.

Cairo, Ill.—Army engineers dynamite levees leading to Birds Point-New Madrid, Mo., floodway. Easing of pressure temporarily holds river stage about stationary at 38.65 feet on Cairo side of Mississippi. Workmen rush construction of three-foot seawall bulkhead to meet expected 61-foot crest.

Memphis, Tenn.—"Super flood is on its way," warns Lieut. Col. Reynolds, District Chief of U. S. Army engineers, as Mississippi and tributaries cover 1,000,000 acres in Mississippi River basin. Memphis stage hits 42 feet, eight above flood level, with 45 predicted. Refugees on move in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Portsmouth, Ohio—Ohio River rise slows at 73 feet. Food supplies reach 35,000 homeless. Evacuate 600 refugees, plan removal of 5,000 others.

## MISSOURI LOWLANDERS TRAPPED BY HIGH WATER

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 26. (AP)—Relief boats cruised about a 131,000-acre Mississippi River floodway Tuesday, speeding rescue to an estimated 500 Missouri lowlanders trapped in the basin which was inundated in a desperate battle to save Cairo from the flood-swollen Ohio River.

Two were known dead, both Negroes.

The Red Cross investigated and said the report was unfounded that 14 lives were lost on Black Island south of Caruthersville, Sely-five families were removed from the island.

Refugees poured in hourly, mostly from Tennessee. More than a dozen babies were born to refugee mothers.

Red Cross officials and a Missouri State Highway Department engineer said at least 500 were caught when the Mississippi tumbled through crumbling levees to course across the \$21,000,000 Birds Point-New Madrid, Mo., floodway, near the Mississippi-Ohio confluence below here.

Red Cross officials, directing relief boats from New Madrid, Mo., said the refugees did not appear in immediate peril.

## JAYCEES READY FOR FIRST 1937 LUNCHEON

The first monthly luncheon of the Vernon Junior Chamber of Commerce since the election of new officers will be held at noon Wednesday in the banquet room of the Faith Cafe. D. D. Moore, 1936 president, is in charge of the program. He has urged members to show their new president, Robert L. More, Jr., that they are supporting him this year by attending the luncheon.

Several interesting features have been arranged, Mr. Moore said.

Forethought.

Dallas, Jan. 26. (AP)—F. L. Robbins of Dallas was determined to avoid telling it to a judge. He put a nickel and a note in an envelope addressed to the policeman on the beat and attached the envelope to a parking meter. The note read: "Please put the nickel in the meter when my time runs out. Gone to the doctor's office."

## Daily Markets

(By ASSOCIATED PRESS LEASED WIRE)

VERNON MARKETS.

COTTON

Middling, 13-16 ..... 12.00  
Middling, 13-16 ..... 10.25

COTTON PRODUCTS

Cottonseed, per ton ..... \$32  
Oats ..... .50  
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PRODUCE

Eggs, dozen ..... .20  
Poultry, per pound ..... .12  
Medium hens, per pound ..... .10  
Leghorns, light hens ..... .09  
Roosters, per pound ..... .04  
Turkeys, per pound ..... .10

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sour Cream ..... .30

COTTON

New York.

New York, Jan. 26. (AP)—Cotton futures opened steady, 2 to 4 points advance on higher Liverpool cables and active trade buying. March 12 1/4; May 12 1/4; July 12 1/4; Sept. 11 3/4; Nov. 11 1/4; Dec. 11 1/4.

Favorable overnight news as to the effect of the release of loan cotton at the differentials announced by the Commodity Credit Corporation brought in more aggressive buying. As March broke through the recent up resistance point of 12 1/2 demand broadened further and it quickly rallied to 12 1/2 to carry the general market 7 to 15 points net higher. This was the highest price for March since July 14, 1936.

In addition to price fixing in the nearby positions outside demand appeared for forward deliveries. The higher differential for loan cotton as compared with the present basis created the opinion that the release of loan cotton would not have a depressing influence.

New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan. 26. (AP)—Cotton was 3 to 4 points higher at the start of trading today with an improved trade demand absorbing the light offerings at the first call. Cables were better and foreign markets reported buying interests in control. This helped first prices at New Orleans.

March opened up 3 points at 12 1/4, while first prices of 12 1/4 for May, 12 1/4 for July and 11 3/4 for Oct. Also showed small advances.

The trade was beginning to pay increasing attention to the flood waters coming down the Mississippi. Colder weather in the eastern belt was considered favorable.

Futures closed barely steady at net advances of 5 to 11 points.

Open High Low Close

March .. 12.47 12.63 12.47 12.50-51  
May .. 12.34 12.50 12.34 12.38-39  
July .. 12.20 12.34 12.19 12.25  
Oct. .. 11.78 11.88 11.75 11.83-84  
Dec. .. 11.63 11.95 11.88 11.87

## PRODUCE

Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 26. (AP)—Poultry, live, 40 trucks, firmer; hens over 5 lbs. 17 1/2, 5 lbs. and less 17 1/4; Leghorns hens 12; springs, Plymouth and White Rock 19; broilers, Plymouth and White Rock 22; Leghorn chickens 12; roosters 12, Leghorn roosters 11; turkeys, hens 18, young toms 16; No. 2 turkeys 13; ducks 4 1/2 lbs. up white 17 1/2; geese 16; capons 7 lbs. up 20, less than 7 lbs. 19.

Butter, 7.81, firm; creamery—specials (93 score) 33 1/2-34; extras (92) 33; extra firsts (90-91) 32 1/2-34; firsts (88-89) 31 1/2-32 1/4; standards (90 centralized) 30-32.

Eggs, 8.105, firm; extra firsts local 22 1/2, cars 23; fresh graded firsts local 22 1/2, cars 22 1/2-23; current receipts 22.

## ITALO-GERMAN AGREEMENT SPEEDS NEUTRALITY PLANS

(By The Associated Press.) Heartened makers of neutrality pushed ahead today to formulate a working scheme for leaving Spain alone.

Italo-German agreement to join a general embargo of foreign volunteers to the warring peninsula paved the way for a practical plan to keep both men and guns from Spain.

The London neutrality committee was called to meet Thursday to accomplish that purpose and to let Spain's Socialist government and its Fascist insurgents fight it out by themselves.

The war, in its seventh month, raged on three major fronts. The insurgents attacked for three hours, south of Madrid, seeking, apparently vainly, to cut the besieged city off from its communications to Valencia and the South.

Two insurgent armies attacked Malaga, isolated government seaport on the south Mediterranean coast. Also engaged in siege, the government blasted Fascist-held Oviedo, in the north, with field guns.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Miss Margaret Barham has gone to Denton, where she will enroll in North Texas State Teachers College for the Spring semester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dixon are leaving Tuesday for Dallas, where they will spend a week at Spring markets in the interest of Dixon's Ladies' Store.

Forrest and Graham Orr, students at Abilene Christian College, Abilene, spent Monday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Orr.

Jack Oliver is in Dallas this week attending a hardware dealers' convention.

R. T. Evans left Tuesday morning on a business trip to Tulsa, Okla.

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## Scoring System For Boy Scout Troops Planned

A new system for scoring Boy Scout Troops at Courts of Honor for this area was devised Monday night at a meeting of Vernon Scoutmasters at the Community Natural Gas Company's offices.

For the remainder of this year troops competing at Courts of Honor will receive 25 points for each 12-year-old boy enrolled, 15 points for each 13-year-old boy and five points for each 14-year-old.

Twenty points will be awarded for each Scout who enters the Tenderfoot class, 10 points for each Scout entering the Second Class division, 20 for each who enters the First Class, 10 for each one attaining Star Scout rank, 30 for those attaining the ranking of Life Scout and 50 for each boy reaching Eagle Scout ranking. For each Eagle Scout palm 20 points will be awarded. Five points will be given for each merit badge presented and one point for each scout present at the Court of Honor. Ten points will be awarded each troop whose scoutmaster is present.

It was decided that standings of troops would be decided from a ratio of points scored to number of members. The scoutmasters also worked on details of the Anniversary Week program which will begin Feb. 7 and planned a meeting at the Faith Cafe at 7:30 o'clock Monday night for scoutmasters and troop committeemen.

Scoutmasters present at Monday night's meeting were E. J. Bridges, J. N. Wright, Glen Cole, Wilson Hollars, Ray Austin and A. F. Hall.

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# Lions Drop Conference Contest to Coyote Quintet

## VERNON FIVE TAKES CELLAR

CHILDRESS BOBCATS PLAY LIONS ON VERNON COURT TONIGHT

The Vernon Lions went into a coma in the second half of their Northwest Conference basketball game with the Wichita Falls Coyotes here Monday night and emerged at the final whistle on the short end of a 21 to 15 score.

It was the second loss in as many conference games for the Lions and gave them the sole occupancy of the cellar. The Coyotes climbed from fifth to fourth place in the conference standings as a result of their victory. They have lost two games and won one in Big Five competition.

The first half of Monday night's game was hotly contested with the Coyotes having a slight advantage. The score at the end of the first quarter was 9 to 7 in favor of the Wichita Falls eagles. They retained their two-point margin as the half closed with the score 15 to 13.

In the third quarter the Lions amassed the "amazing" total of two points, "Jiggs" Childress accounting for both with a field goal near the end of the period. The Coyotes led 25 to 15 at the end of the period.

In the final quarter the Lions continued their dismal exhibition of erratic passing and wild shooting. They improved over their third period's performance however—by one point. The Coyotes coasted through the fourth quarter, netting three field goals, and walked off the court with their first conference victory.

Monaghan of Wichita Falls was high scorer with 12 points and Reeves followed with 11. Belew was high for Vernon with eight points.

Vernon meets Childress here Tuesday night in a conference game which promises to be one of the best of the season. Despite their ragged play Monday night the Lions are a hustling and determined group of basketball players and capable on occasion of walloping any team in the conference.

The box score:

Vernon	FG	FT	TP
Smith, f	0	1	1
Matney, f	0	1	1
Belew, f	4	0	8
Schur, f	0	0	0
Nixon, c	1	2	4
Paulk, c	0	0	0
Childress, g	1	0	2
Johnson, g	1	0	2
Graf, g	0	0	0
Totals	7	4	18
Wichita Falls	FG	FT	TP
Reeves, f	5	2	11
Manahan, f	5	2	12
Thompson, c	0	1	1
Scott, c	0	0	0
Jantz, c	1	1	3
Eichler, g	0	0	0
Levell, g	1	2	4
Hanna, g	0	0	0
Totals	12	7	31

Score by quarters:

Vernon	7	6	2	3—18
Wichita Falls	9	6	10	6—31

Referee: Minto.

Schaefer Takes Lead.

Chicago, Jan. 26 (AP)—Willie Hoppe of New York had a 98-point margin to overcome Tuesday as he squared off for the second block of his 2,500-point match with young Jake Schaefer of Chicago for the world's 28.2 ballline billiards championship. Schaefer, son of the old wizard, Jake, won the opening block of the duel Monday night, 250 to 152.

Madge Evans has a personal souvenir for each picture in which she has appeared.

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## QUANAH MEETS CROWELL AS LIONS PLAY BOBCATS

Northwest Texas conference basketball rivalries will be renewed Tuesday night when the Childress Bobcats invade Vernon and the Quanah Indians are hosts to the Crowell Wildcats.

Crowell, odds-on favorite to take the title this year, will be favored to win over the Indians. The Wildcats have defeated Childress, Wichita Falls and Vernon in their three conference tilts this season. Paradoxically, their strongest opposition was encountered in the Lions of Vernon, present cellar occupants.

The Indians, who are in a tie for second place with Childress, have a percentage of 500 in conference contests. They defeated Wichita Falls 27 to 21 and lost to Childress, 26 to 12.

The Bobcats came to Vernon with the loss to Crowell and the victory over Quanah on their conference record.

If the favored Wildcats defeat Quanah and the Lions take Childress it will place Crowell far in the lead and leave Vernon, Quanah, Wichita Falls and Childress in a second place tie with one win and two losses each.

Wichita Falls, the other member of the Big Five, plays a non-conference game with Olney Tuesday night at Wichita Falls.

Team	G	W	L	Pct.
Crowell	3	3	0	1.000
Childress	2	1	1	.500
Quanah	2	1	1	.500
Wichita Falls	3	1	2	.333
Vernon	2	0	2	.000

## NEW TALES OF FIELD ARE TOLD BY TEXAS NIMRODS

Houston, Jan. 26 (AP)—Season being closed on most other game, squirrels are in for it in a large part of Texas.

How do crawfish "crayfish" when you're talking to a professor of biology? get to far inland tanks and lakes?

Rufus Smith, Dewitt County rancher, says the next time he goes hunting he intends to take along a fry-pan and some shortening. While working cattle he noticed a hawk trying to take altitude with something clutched in its claws. The hawk flew over Smith and dropped at his feet a fat quail without head and feathers.

Henry Brown and son, Frank, of Uvalde caught a green coyote with their bare hands. Although it practically rains the story, the fact they hounded the animal with an automobile several miles must be mentioned. That doesn't help the coyote any, however, for it is in a cage.

Charnier Skains of Galveston warns that the shake of a rattler's tail doesn't tell everything about the diamond-backs. He says the rattler has several sets of fangs and that when one set is yanked out another grows like finger nails. Skains has eight pairs of fangs he says he took from the "grave" of one rattler. This piece of intelligence perhaps has been printed several times, but since it is such good advice to persons interested in rattlesnake lore, it is repeated: If you want to make a Texas rattler fighting mad blow your breath in its face.

## PASTOR SAYS FOOTBALL AID IN FIGHT CAREER

New York, Jan. 26 (AP)—A college education, usually rated as a total loss for a fighter, has taught Bob Pastor one lesson that may come in handy when he fights Joe Louis at Madison Square Garden Friday—how to take a pounding.

The former New York University football star looks at it in an even brighter light. "I got over getting scared when I played fullback on NYU's football team," he said. "In football a runner has 11 men to beat with no defense. In fighting it's easier: You have only one man to beat and you can frame a defense for him."

Patty Berg Favored.

Patty Berg, Jan. 26 (AP)—Chunky Patty Berg held her favorite's spot in the championship of champions golf tournament Tuesday despite her failure to take the medal in Monday's qualifying. The Minneapolis schoolgirl was outscored in the preliminary test by Miss Kathryn Hemphill of Greenville, S. C., who toured the par 75 course in 76 while the defending champion landed second with a 78.

The name of Vega, brightest star in the Western Hemisphere, is a remnant of an Arabic phrase meaning "falling eagle."

## Fast-Stepping Twins



Wayne and Blaine Rideout, sensational track stars at North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, have accepted an invitation to compete in the Milrose Tournament to be held Feb. 6 at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Wayne (shown on right) recently defeated Don Lash in the 2-mile run, coming within 5 seconds of the American record.

## DEMPESEY TURNS TO POLITICS

### Bible's Contract Gets Attention

### JOE MCCARTHY GIVES LECTURE

New York, Jan. 26 (AP)—Ambitious Jack Dempsey is plotting his future with one eye on the remarkable career of Jim Farley . . . he's not interested in Big Jim's spring board, the New York State Athletic Commission chairmanship . . . he's after bigger things . . . right now Jack shies from political conversation but in a modest way he's campaigning for Farley to succeed F. D. R. in 1940 . . . meanwhile Gene Tunney burrows deeper in seclusion . . . he hibernates with Christopher Morley, the author, passes up Dempsey's restaurant in favor of Christ Cella's east side dining, corresponds with George Bernard Shaw, and reads the nights away in his modest shore home in Stamford, Conn. . . incidentally, Gene's love of seclusion tricked him once . . . Grant Rice called Tunney one morning at the request of an acquaintance who asked an introduction to Tunney . . . Gene was not in and did not call Rice when he got in . . . the acquaintance who asked the introduction was a young man named Charles Augustus Lindbergh.

Story by Lou Gehrig: At Joe McCarthy's dinner to the New York scribbles, Gehrig told about the time . . . Tip! Zeke Bonura may be yelling for \$12,000 but he'll sign for less and like it . . . and it won't be long . . . football coaches, right now are hailing over "D. N." Bible's stroke . . . "Do you know the moral of that?" piped McCarthy . . . "Sure," yelled Back Wilson in the back of the room, "it proves that if you drink gin, you won't have worms."

## TANDY BELEW HEADS LIONS

### VETERAN GUARD ELECTED CAPTAIN BY LETTERMEN OF FOOTBALL SQUAD

Tandy Belew, Jr., 17, squad member of the Vernon High School Lions football team for two seasons and letterman at guard last year, was elected captain of the team for 1937 at a meeting of lettermen Tuesday.

Belew was on the squad in 1935 but was forced out during the season by an attack of appendicitis.

He was given recognition for his performance at guard last year in his selection on the second all-district team by sports writers of the district. Belew is a junior in the high school. He resides in the Bourland community.

## JAKE RUPPERT FIXES HIGH GOAL FOR MCCARTHY

New York, Jan. 26 (AP)—All Marce Joe McCarthy has to do to earn his \$25,000 as manager of the New York Yankees next season is win the American League pennant by 20 games and take the World Series in four straight.

That's what Col. Jake Ruppert jestingly told him before Joe left Monday for Philadelphia on his last tour of the banquet circuit.

Last year at Joe's annual breakfast dinner to the New York baseball writers, the ruddy Colonel expressed displeasure at the Yankees' habit of finishing second.

Monday night Ruppert lauded Joe, then added:

"But he fell down on two things. I asked him to win the pennant by 20 games and the series in four straight. He didn't do this but I've forgiven him. And anyway, maybe he'll do it this year."

Kellan Bessent of Little River, S. C., has been a Sunday School superintendent for 43 of his 75 years.

## COOPER RANKS HIGH ON TOUR

CHICAGO GOLF PRO HOLDS LEAD FOR FIRST MONEY IN CALIFORNIA EVENT

San Francisco, Jan. 26 (AP)—Golf professionals moved into San Francisco Tuesday with three shotmakers in position to win an added \$1,000 prize for the California Winter open championship.

The extra award winner will be determined at the conclusion Friday of the 36-hole qualifying round in the \$5,000 national match play open here. Low aggregate medal score in the four principal California money tournaments will decide the issue.

Harry Cooper, Chicago, who is leading money winner in the current California campaign, is leading the pros at present by a five-stroke margin. "Lighthorse Harry" has played 216 holes of tournament golf at Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento in 834 strokes—ten under par.

Ed Dudley, the giant from Philadelphia, moved into second place over Sunday by his smashing 15-under-par performance in the 72-hole Sacramento open. His total is 839. Ralph Guldahl, Cooper's fellow-townsmen, is an outside possibility with 842, eight strokes behind the leaders.

## FORT WORTH LIVESTOCK SALES TO BEGIN MARCH 16

Fort Worth, Jan. 26 (AP)—Dates of five livestock auction sales which will be held in the new sales pavilion during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show which will open Friday night, March 12, have just been announced by Manager John B. Davis. Livestock that will be entered in the show will be housed in the mammoth \$200,000 livestock building which recently was completed with the exception of the sheep that will be in the new fireproof building.

Carloads of feeder cattle will go to the auction block at 2 p. m. Tuesday, March 16. Herefords will be sold at 1 p. m. Wednesday, March 17. At 9 a. m. Thursday, March 18, the following sales will begin: grand champion steer, boys' champion baby beef, grand champion wether, boys' champion lamb, carloads of lambs, grand champion barrow, boys' champion pig, champion carloads of barrows, individual and carloads of fat steers and individual and carloads of baby hewes. Bids will be entered in the show will be housed in the mammoth \$200,000 livestock building which recently was completed with the exception of the sheep that will be in the new fireproof building.

## SPORT SPARKS

Dallas, Jan. 26 (AP)—All that dust around the University of Texas next September will be Amarillo's Golden Sandstorm arriving to enroll as freshmen . . . at least eight of the graduating members of the State schoolboy titlists will follow Coach Blair Cherry to Austin.

Sports Editor Dick Freeman of the Houston Chronicle, charter member of the "L-horde" rumor about Bible's contract, said: "Bible's contract reads, so I am told, that he is to serve in the dual capacity of head coach and athletic director for five years at \$15,000 and then as athletic director only for five more years at a salary of \$7,500."

Published rumors that Raymond (Bear) Wolf, formerly of T. C. U. and now of North Carolina, would come back to the conference as Texas line coach, were spiked with the expected hiring of Cherry.

Fans finally made up Sammy Baugh's mind . . . the Fort Worth Star-Telegram poll on Baugh's future ended with the majority advising the slinger to remain at Texas as Christian as assistant coach . . . Eight now he is in Phoenix, Arizona, dickering for a high school coaching plum . . . agents say his chances there are bright.

Johnny Morrow, husky Texas Azle athlete, is a cinch to again earn three athletic letters in his junior year . . . he'll play in the Azle infield after basketball season is concluded . . . last year as a soph. he pounded the ball for a .418 average in Southwest Conference play . . . the Vines-Perry tennis troupe will play two dates in Texas, Feb. 10 at Houston and Feb. 12 at Dallas. Livestock Exposition arena on the centennial grounds . . . West Texas State Teachers' College Basketball team is perhaps the tallest in the Southwest, ranging from six feet to six feet, eight and one-half inches . . . they say the average is about six feet, three inches.

## WEALTHY SHOWMAN JOKES ABOUT PHONE THREATS

Los Angeles, Jan. 26 (AP)—A. H. Woods, wealthy New York stage producer, joked Monday about three telephoned threats he said he received Sunday afternoon.

His good humor undisturbed, Woods said he believed the threats came from malcontents in the Federal Theater project here which recently underwent an investigation.

Woods has been mentioned as a possible successor to Howard Miller, regional head of the Federal Theater, but the wealthy Broadway showman has been reluctant to come out of semi-retirement.

Gold Act Signed. Washington, Jan. 26 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed the bill Monday to extend until June 30, 1939, his authority to reduce the gold content of the dollar and to protect it in international exchange through the existing \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund.

Fledglings Leave Cards. St. Louis, Jan. 26 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals have announced the release of infielders Arthur Garibaldi to Sacramento and Jimmy Jordan to Columbus.

## Knows Open Secret



## Blair Cherry To Resign Post at Amarillo Soon

Amarillo, Jan. 26 (AP)—Blair Cherry, Amarillo High School football coach, said here Monday that he would resign to accept the assistant's position under Dana Bible at the University of Texas.

"I feel that the opportunities offered at Texas is a step up in the profession," Cherry said, "and at the same time I feel keenly a deep regret over leaving Amarillo."

Cherry came here in 1930 and immediately put the Golden Sandstorm in the thick of the race for State schoolboy titles. In his first year, his Sandies went to the final game.

In 1934, 1935 and again last season, the Sandies won the State titles, equalling the record set previously by Waco in taking three championships in a row. In 1935, the Sandies beat Grovville in the final game and last December they best Kerrville for the title.

Cherry's acceptance of the Texas offer probably means that a majority of 1936 champions will follow to the Longhorn campus.

## BASKETBALL SCORES

(By the Associated Press)

Notre Dame 55; Western Reserve 20.

Michigan 32; Chicago 19.

Penn State 35; Carnegie Tech 30.

Wayne 36; Nebraska Wesleyan 30.

Fighters Selected.

Fort Worth, Jan. 26 (AP)—Eight district champions emerged from the Golden Gloves tournament completed here Monday night. They were Harry Flowers of Fort Worth, bantamweight; Everett Baker of Azle, featherweight; E. L. Shuman of Fort Worth, lightweight; T. E. Shrader of Milford, middleweight; Jack Williams of Arlington, light heavyweight; Roy Thompson of De Catur, heavyweight; Skeet Smith of Fort Worth, flyweight; and Joe Elder of Fort Worth, welterweight. They will compete in a State Tournament here Feb. 3-5.

Simplified.

Milwaukee, Jan. 26 (AP)—The name of an Austro-Hungarian sick benefit society here has been shortened—but it's still a mouthful. Henceforth the Oesterreichisch-Ungarischer-Krankenunterstützungs-Verein will be known as the Oesterreich-Ungarischer-Krankenunterstützungs-Verein.

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## D'MAGGIO IS READY TO GO

YANKEE STAR IS ANXIOUS TO START TRAINING FOR NEW SEASON

San Francisco, Jan. 26 (AP)—Joe Di

Maggio already is getting itchy feet. The New York Yankees' outfielding star of 1936 is straining at the leash, Springtime can't come too soon for the long-legged Italian youth who carved his name in lead letters in his major league debut last year.

The Spring training grind may be a pain in the neck to the oldsters but it's a lark for Joe.

"I sure have missed the feel of that old apple," says Di Maggio with almost as much feeling as if he had been away from the sport for three years instead of three months. "That blistered foot at training camp last Spring cost me a lot of time and I missed the first 17 games of the season. This year I want to play in every game."

Since he helped the Yankees ring down the curtain last Fall with a world championship, Joe has taken things as easily as it is possible for a 22-year-old youngster who thinks and talks in terms of baseball.

His daily routine is simple and his diversions few. He doesn't golf, neither does he hunt. He floated placidly through a football season that had the rest of the community standing on its collective ear.

Cattlemen and butchers predict higher meat prices in 1937.



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Texas County and Municipal Bonds . . . . .	6,475,580.48
*Total . . . . .	\$16,386,322.88
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate . . . . .	14,101,496.54
†Home Office Building . . . . .	1,500,000.00
†Other Real Estate . . . . .	1,595,027.35
Public Utility and Corporation Bonds . . . . .	2,411,182.84
Stock . . . . .	200,040.00
Cash . . . . .	894,277.84
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	163,841.00
Interest on Investments Accrued but not yet due . . . . .	681,819.58
Unpaid Mortgage Interest . . . . .	274,085.93
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies . . . . .	11,905,228.98
Total Assets . . . . .	\$50,113,322.94
LIABILITIES	
Policy Reserves . . . . .	\$41,846,463.64
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance . . . . .	802,264.97
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities . . . . .	297,578.00
Total Liabilities . . . . .	42,946,306.61
‡Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyholders:	
Capital Stock . . . . .	\$2,000,000.00
Unassigned Funds . . . . .	5,167,016.33
	7,167,016.33
To Balance Assets . . . . .	\$50,113,322.94

\*No bond purchased by the Company has ever defaulted as to principal or interest. Since purchase the bonds have so increased in value that current market value of these bonds exceeds by \$1,638,612 the value used above.

†The Company carries no real estate in excess of current market value. The write-down in real estate values was \$101,467 during 1936.

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### CORONATION ENVOYS SELECTED.

#### President Selects Three Elderly Leaders of War Period To Attend George's Debut.

President Roosevelt has named his personal representa-  
tives to the coronation of King George VI which takes place  
in May. Three elderly men who were leaders in the World  
War have been chosen. James W. Gerard, ambassador to  
Germany before the War; General John J. Pershing, com-  
mander of the American Expeditionary Forces; and Ad-  
miral Hugh Rodman are the ones selected.

Whether there is any significance to these selections is a  
very interesting matter. President Roosevelt has shown no  
inclination during his term of office to consult in any great  
measure the so-called elder statesmen. His confidants have  
been young college professors or others unknown to public  
life before he came into office.

Mr. Gerard, General Pershing and Admiral Rodman served  
the country with rare ability in the trying days of the  
World War. They are entitled to any recognition which  
may be extended to them by a grateful nation, but it seems  
odd that an Administration which has specialized in reliance  
upon youthful leadership should select three elderly retired  
leaders for this mission.

It could not be accidental. There was some motive. It  
may have been an unconscious impulse. People often do a  
thing which they cannot explain on any basis other than  
that it merely occurred to them. It is probably this way  
with the President's striking action in this relatively unim-  
portant matter within itself, although it may be important  
as an indication of an attitude on the part of the President.

Were these men selected merely as a gesture of personal  
friendship? Were they selected because the appointment  
is purely complimentary and because nothing more im-  
portant is to be done than be present? Was this a gesture  
to indicate the President thinks elderly men are fit only  
for such duties? These and other questions will occur to  
those who try to analyze the appointments.

### WHY NOT PREVENT FLOOD LOSSES?

#### Damage in Ohio River Basin Calls for Immediate Steps To Prevent Future Floods.

The terrible losses inflicted by the floods in valleys of the  
Ohio and other rivers in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky  
suggest the imperative necessity of taking steps to pre-  
vent such disasters. It is no small problem, of course, be-  
cause means of controlling an ocean of water turned loose  
in the interior will not be easily devised.

But there is little doubt that the problem can be solved.  
Construction of a system of reservoirs on tributary streams  
and so-called floodways, such as have been arranged on the  
lower Mississippi and other streams, would doubtless con-  
fine the losses in any possible flood to a relatively low  
amount.

In the past there has always been the item of cost. Peo-  
ple are inclined to say that such things don't happen very  
often and it is just as well to go ahead with no special pre-  
cautions. Some think of floods in the same category as  
tornadoes, merely a visitation of nature's wrath that cannot  
be avoided.

But for less than the cost of the present disaster it is  
almost certain the Ohio River valley could be made immune  
from such destruction as has been visited upon that sec-  
tion of the country in the past few days. We spend hun-  
dreds of millions of dollars on unnecessary public buildings  
and other hundreds of millions in other work of little per-  
manent value. Why shouldn't the Government undertake  
a real program of flood control?

### DICTATORS HAVE CAUSE TO WORRY.

#### Returning Prosperity Greater Menace to Absolu- tism Than Any Political Remedies.

It appears that absolutist rulers of Europe are facing a  
real test. They may not realize it themselves, but the  
statement of Fascist leaders that Europe must choose be-  
tween Fascism and Communism may open the way for a  
shocking surprise to leaders of both "isms."

The Communism or Fascism argument had more force a  
few years ago than it has today. The moment of real dan-  
ger necessitating an immediate choice passed when the  
democratic nations began to emerge from the grip of de-  
pression. Hope has been reborn in these democratic coun-  
tries. The time for choice of one extreme or another has  
passed.

The choice which Hermann Goering, Hitler's aide, fore-  
cast in Rome the other day may be approaching, but the  
result may be an unpleasant surprise for his chief and  
Italy's Il Duce as well as other dictators.

Both Communism and Fascism are philosophies of despair.  
Only a desperate people turn to them. The choice of ex-  
tremes reflected the loss of hope and inability to find a way  
out of pressing difficulties.

With the shadows of fear beginning to lift, people may  
look ahead and find the road is open in more than two di-  
rections.

A neighbor reports a stay-in striker in his home. The  
youngster refuses to take his Christmas drum outside.

Judging from the consensus of movie critics, Mr. Deeds  
went to town.

A Japanese doctor ate 8,280 pounds of spinach in the last  
six years, which is what you would call real grazing.

## WOMAN HELD IN EXTORTION

### TWO MEN LINKED IN PLOT TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM CLARK GABLE

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. (AP)—Mrs. Vi-  
olet Wells Norton, 47-year-old Cana-  
dian, was under arrest here Tuesday,  
charged with mail fraud in an as-  
serted attempt to obtain money from  
Clark Gable, film actor, by declar-  
ing he is the father of her 13-year-  
old daughter.

Complaints against Mrs. Norton,  
Jack L. Smith, a private detective of  
this city, and Frank James Keenan,  
Winnipeg rooming house keeper,  
were issued Monday by United States  
Attorney Peirson Hall. These charge  
the two men entered into a scheme  
with Mrs. Norton to induce Gable to  
pay for the support of the girl.

Federal officials said Mrs. Norton  
declared the engaged a man named  
Frank Billings as a tutor for her son  
in Long Shorewood, Billerick, Eng-  
land, in 1922, and that he became  
the father of her daughter, Gwen-  
delyn Edith.

Later, she asserted, Billings left  
for America and she subsequently  
married and moved to Winnipeg. She  
said five years ago she saw Gable on  
the screen and recognized him as  
Billings.

"I have never been in England and  
do not know the woman in question,"  
Gable said, "and have no knowledge  
whatever of the circumstances in-  
volved."

The officers said Mrs. Norton  
wrote the actor a letter last March  
12, making her demands upon him.  
Afterward, they said, she appealed to  
Mae West, screen actress, and a ra-  
dio commentator in an effort to get  
in touch with him, and later wrote  
to District Attorney Hall. Recently  
she came to Hollywood with her  
daughter.

Money for their transportation was  
declared by the officers to have been  
supplied by Keenan. Smith, the pri-  
vate detective, is declared to have  
visited studio officials in Mrs. Nor-  
ton's behalf after her arrival here.

### FAMOUS BRONCS SIGNED FOR FORT WORTH RODEO

Fort Worth, Jan. 26.—Contract  
has just been signed by the South-  
western Exposition and Fat Stock  
Show for 125 outlaw broncs that will  
be used in saddle bronc riding and  
bareback riding contests during the  
World Championship Rodeo, March  
12 to 21. They again will be sup-  
plied by Verne Elliott of Johnston,  
Colo., and Eddie McCarty of Chug-  
water, Wyo.

Included in the string of buckers  
will be several horses that have  
been "discovered" in the last year  
and which promise to be real top  
notchers in bucking. Among these  
are "Eagle's Nest," "Ninety-eight  
Bar" and "Twenty Below."

Heading the list of horses that  
have been seen in the Expositions  
Coliseum arena for several years is  
the famous "Five Minutes to Mid-  
night." Reports from other big ro-  
deos where "Five Minutes to Mid-  
night" has appeared during the last  
year state that he is still among  
the demon bucking horses and that  
he has thrown some of the best  
riders in the rodeo game.

The first rodeo performance will  
be given Friday night, March 12,  
inaugurating the forty-first annual  
Southwestern Exposition.

### OFFICERS INVESTIGATE EX-MOVIE STARS' DEATH

Hollywood, Jan. 26. (AP)—The cor-  
oner held Marie Prevost's body Mon-  
day until a completed autopsy shows  
how the ex-star in movie farce died  
in her apartment last week.

Dr. Frank Webb, assistant county  
surgeon, said preliminary examina-  
tion indicated death was induced  
by acute alcoholism. He ordered  
further chemical analysis.

Dressed in silk pajamas, her pet  
dachshund whining beside her, the  
44-year-old actress was found Sat-  
urday by a Negro houseboy, lying  
face down on her bed. Apparently  
she had been dead two or three  
days. Several empty whisky bot-  
tles lay in the kitchen sink.

Her career, highlighted with glam-  
or and shadowed by obscurity, only  
a month ago took her before the  
camera in an attempted comeback.

### Barrimore Hearing Delayed.

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. (AP)—A hear-  
ing on Elaine Jackson Barrimore's  
petition for alimony from John Bar-  
rimore, film star, was postponed  
here until March 1. Neither the  
actor nor his wife appeared, and  
lawyers explained Barrimore had  
been recalled to a studio for film work.

### DEFICIENCY BILL REPORTED TO HOUSE FROM COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—The  
House appropriations committee re-  
ported an \$89,717,313 deficiency bill  
to the House Monday, the bulk of it  
to be used to finance "recovery and  
relief."

At a last-minute session of the  
committee, called coincidentally dur-  
ing a White House conference between  
Speaker Bankhead and the President,  
it was tentatively decided not to  
open the measure for inclusion of an  
emergency flood relief appropriation  
because the exact needs were as yet  
unknown.

The major item in the bill called  
for an appropriation of \$700,000,000  
for recovery and relief to be spent  
between now and June 30. That was  
the amount recommended by the  
President.

### TEXAS OUT OF PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE SEIZED BOATS

Galveston, Jan. 26. (AP)—Proposed  
legislation by Congress to give  
boats seized from rum runners dur-  
ing the prohibition era to the Sea  
Scouts Department of the Boy Scouts  
for training will not benefit Texas  
ports, Federal officials here say.

Although more than 50 boats of  
various types were seized along the  
Texas coast, none are now in the  
hands of the Government, officials  
said.

## Program for C. C. Dinner at Quanah Lists Novelty Act

### Quanh, Jan. 26.—Ticket sales to the annual Quanah Chamber of Commerce banquet total of two hun- dred at the close of the first days campaign and sales will probably close in two days as only three hun- dred can be accommodated, according to President J. C. Wilson. Mrs. Daisy Scarborough sold 55 tickets Monday morning and is expected to win a floor lamp offered by the West Texas Utilities Company to the person selling the largest num- ber of tickets.

Harry Hines, state road board  
chairman will speak.

A program of entertainment has  
been provided that will include num-  
bers on an electric guitar to be  
played by Ross Doolittle of Holly-  
wood, California. This guitar has  
six miniature microphones, one un-  
der each string, and a system, the in-  
strument having been on the mar-  
ket only six months. Doolittle who  
was connected with the moving pic-  
ture industry two years, also will  
play a ukulele presented to him by  
Joan Crawford. He is recognized  
as one of the leading guitar players  
from the Pacific Coast.

### "ROMEO AND JULIET" MAY SET BOX-OFFICE RECORD

A popular drama for 342 years,  
"Romeo and Juliet" threatens to rival  
"The Thin Man" in box office figures,  
according to advance press notices.  
The famous love story written by  
William Shakespeare in or about  
1595 will be shown at the Vernon  
Theater Wednesday. Tickets for the  
3 and 8:30 p. m. shows are now on  
sale in the theater's box office.

One critic has said of the drama's  
movie version, "Never before has a  
picture been so carefully made or so  
inspiredly projected." High praise  
for Leslie Howard as "Romeo" and  
Norma Shearer as "Juliet" and for  
other minor characters, has been ac-  
corded the current movie production  
of the tragedy.

A silent version of "Romeo and  
Juliet" was made a number of years  
ago with the late Theda Bara as Ju-  
liet and proved to be a pantomime  
in burlesque. The new version, how-  
ever, promises to be "tops" in movie  
ranks, press notices indicate.

### CHRYSLER COMPANY LINKED IN ESPIONAGE TESTIMONY

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—James  
H. Smith of Cleveland, president of  
five "efficiency engineering" firms,  
told Senate investigators here that  
Chrysler Corporation paid \$72,000 in  
1935 for his company's services.

Testifying before a Senate com-  
mittee studying civil liberties viola-  
tions, Smith described his business  
as "harmonizing relations" between  
workers and employers, keeping "ev-  
erybody satisfied, contented and  
happy."

Under persistent questioning by  
Senator Thomas, Democrat, Utah,  
Smith testified his chief firm—Sor-  
poration, Auxiliary Company—car-  
ried on "industrial espionage" work.

Dan G. Ross, general manager of  
the corporation's auxiliary company  
and a former Pinkerton Detective  
Agency employee, testified he had  
"about 40" operatives in Chrysler  
Corporation auto factories.

### FREE TEXTBOOK PROPOSAL INTRODUCED BY L. J. SULAK

Austin, Jan. 26. (AP)—Senator L. J.  
Sulak of Lagrange Monday intro-  
duced a constitutional amendment  
providing the State furnish free text-  
books to all school children of Texas,  
including those attending denomina-  
tional schools. The proposal was  
voted down when submitted at an  
election two years ago.

The common iliac is said to have  
come from Persia in the 16th cen-  
tury. It was first called the blue  
pipe privet.

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green tablets to flush out excess  
acids and impurities. Excess acids can  
cause irritation resulting in getting  
up at night, scanty flow, frequent de-  
sire, burning, backache, and leg pains.  
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New York - Philadelphia  
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### LONGVIEW PAIR CHARGED AFTER POSING AS G-MEN

Longview, Texas, Jan. 26. (AP)—Of-  
ficers filed charges of theft over  
\$50 in Justice Court Monday against  
one of two men held in connection  
with a complaint by a sewing ma-  
chine salesman that he was swindled  
out of \$100 by a pair who posed as  
secret service agents looking for  
counterfeit bills.

Reports said the theft charge was  
filed in order that officers could  
hold the man while a Federal Bu-  
reau of Investigation agent com-  
pleted a case against them for im-  
personating a Federal officer.

Deputy Sheriff Bean who first  
took the men into custody said he  
assumed the men would be taken to  
Dallas to face the Federal charges.

### FUNERAL FOR FEDERAL JUDGE IN KANSAS SET

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 26. (AP)—  
Funeral services were conducted  
here Tuesday for Judge John C.  
Pollock, 79, of the Kansas Federal  
District Court, who died early Sun-  
day.

Services were in charge of  
Rev. Carl W. Nau, rector of St.  
Paul's Episcopal Church and will  
be at a funeral chapel. Burial will  
be at Elmwood Cemetery.

### Still On Wood.

Battle Creek, Neb. Jan. 26. (AP)—  
Clarence Kruger said he felt some-  
thing cracking while skiing near  
here. He examined his skis and found  
them unbroken. Now he's on crutches  
instead of skis. A physician found  
the crack—in Kruger's leg bone.

## Touted for Czar of Liquor Trade



Baseball and the movies have  
their czars and the liquor in-  
dustry will not be outdone.  
Above—and that glass contains  
water—is W. Forbes Morgan,  
treasurer of the Democratic  
National Committee, who, it is  
reported, will become supervisor  
of the liquor trade as head of  
the Distilled Spirits Institute,  
Inc.

### NEW MEDICAL INSTRUMENT USED AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi, Jan. 26. (AP)—Dr. E.  
T. Anderson, Corpus Christi surgeon,  
describes in the January number of  
the American Journal of Surgery, an  
instrument he developed to use in  
conjunction with the peritoneoscope  
in studying walls of the stomach.

It consists of a long rubber tube  
with an electric globe at one end,  
he says in an article entitled "Peri-  
toneoscopy," whereby a physician may  
get a trans-illuminated picture of the  
stomach walls. Heretofore, he says,  
only cystoscopes, similar to mini-  
ature electrically lighted telescopes,  
have been used in studying walls of  
the stomach.

Dr. Anderson's instrument trans-  
mit light through the stomach walls.  
The tube is lowered through the  
mouth and, since an air passage in  
the tube permits dilation of the  
stomach walls may be studied to  
better advantage, he says.

The instrument is described as a  
modification of one worked out 20  
years ago by Dr. Max Elinhorn. Dr.  
Anderson began developing it in  
1921, and, he says, has used it in  
more than 50 operations. As far as  
he knows, he says, it is the only one  
being used.

### LOUISIANA HUSBAND TO PLEAD "UNWRITTEN LAW"

Shreveport, La., Jan. 26. (AP)—Sele-  
ction of a jury required a compara-  
tively short time Monday in Bossier  
Parish District Court at Benton for  
trial of J. I. Cherry, 35, Logansport,  
charged with manslaughter for the  
killing last July 8 of Earl Dupuis,  
48-year-old Beaumont, Texas, rail-  
road man blamed by Cherry for  
"sweet-talking" Mrs. Cherry into  
wrongdoing.

Cherry was indicted by the Bossier  
Parish grand jury recently and  
shortly afterwards entered a plea of  
innocence to the manslaughter charge.

Cherry, it was stated by defense  
counsel, will plead the "unwritten  
law."

### FREE TEXTBOOK PROPOSAL INTRODUCED BY L. J. SULAK

Austin, Jan. 26. (AP)—Senator L. J.  
Sulak of Lagrange Monday intro-  
duced a constitutional amendment  
providing the State furnish free text-  
books to all school children of Texas,  
including those attending denomina-  
tional schools. The proposal was  
voted down when submitted at an  
election two years ago.

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### LONGVIEW PAIR CHARGED AFTER POSING AS G-MEN

Longview, Texas, Jan. 26. (AP)—Of-  
ficers filed charges of theft over  
\$50 in Justice Court Monday against  
one of two men held in connection  
with a complaint by a sewing ma-  
chine salesman that he was swindled  
out of \$100 by a pair who posed as  
secret service agents looking for  
counterfeit bills.

Reports said the theft charge was  
filed in order that officers could  
hold the man while a Federal Bu-  
reau of Investigation agent com-  
pleted a case against them for im-  
personating a Federal officer.

Deputy Sheriff Bean who first  
took the men into custody said he  
assumed the men would be taken to  
Dallas to face the Federal charges.

### FUNERAL FOR FEDERAL JUDGE IN KANSAS SET

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 26. (AP)—  
Funeral services were conducted  
here Tuesday for Judge John C.  
Pollock, 79, of the Kansas Federal  
District Court, who died early Sun-  
day.

Services were in charge of  
Rev. Carl W. Nau, rector of St.  
Paul's Episcopal Church and will  
be at a funeral chapel. Burial will  
be at Elmwood Cemetery.

### Still On Wood.

Battle Creek, Neb. Jan. 26. (AP)—  
Clarence Kruger said he felt some-  
thing cracking while skiing near  
here. He examined his skis and found  
them unbroken. Now he's on crutches  
instead of skis. A physician found  
the crack—in Kruger's leg bone.

## GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE COTTON HELD SINCE 1934

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—The cot-  
ton trade received from the Com-  
modity Credit Corporation Monday  
a bulky inventory on 3,000,000 bales  
of Government loan cotton to be  
released between Feb. 1 and April 1.  
A spokesman for the Government  
agency said it expected to take some  
loss on the cotton held from the  
1934 crop as collateral for a Gov-  
ernment 12-cent cotton loan. He  
said insurance, interest and ware-  
house and freight charges would  
cause this.

Producer-borrowers may obtain  
their cotton at 25 points below the  
average price at 10 markets the pre-  
vious day. However, the Corpora-  
tion said a minimum price of 12.85  
cents a pound for middling 7-8-inch  
cotton would apply.

### TEXAS U. DEAN AIDS IN PLANS FOR TOKYO MEET

Austin, Jan. 26. (AP)—Dr. B. F. Pit-  
tenger, dean of the University of  
Texas School of Education, was nam-  
ed recently organizer for the South-  
west district for the seventh biennial  
conference of the World Federation  
of Education Associations to meet at  
Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 2-7.

Objectives of the Federation are  
to promote understanding and good  
will among the nations through  
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cational leaders and the rank and  
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## WOOL EXPERT GIVES VIEWS

### IDAHO STOCKMAN VOICES ALARM AT FURTHER CUT IN WESTERN FLOCKS

Albuquerque, N. M., Jan. 26. (AP)—R. C. Rich of Burley, Idaho, president of the National Wool Growers' Association, told the organization's convention here Tuesday that western over-grazing has ruined western grazing land and is "largely theoretical and quite extreme."

Addressing the first session of the three-day Seventy-second annual meeting, the Idaho stockman declared:

"Much has been said and written about range conservation, over-grazing, depleted ranges and erosion. Many who have been vocal appear to have but little knowledge of the practical problem. Beyond any question, the indictment has been largely theoretical and quite extreme."

He expressed apprehension that the National Soil Conservation Act, by creating new pastures in the middle West, might cause a decrease in numbers of sheep grazed on Far Western ranges, ascertaining sheepmen of the West "already have suffered a decrease of two to three million head since 1931, he urged they 'join hands against further reduction.'"

### "SELF-IMPROVEMENT" IS EMPHASIZED IN NEW BOOKS

"Making the Most of Yourself" is the designation of a shelf which has been arranged in the Wilbarger County Library this week by Miss Lillian Newton, librarian. The books will largely appeal to adults seeking self-improvement, Miss Newton said.

Among them are "How to Live" by Arnold Bennett, "Personality Preferred" by Elizabeth Woodward, "The Art of Thinking" by Ernest Dinet, "Be Kind to Yourself" by Vash Young, "A Perfect Memory" by Marvin Dana, "The Common Sense of Music" by Sigmund Spaeth, "Any Girl Can Be Good Looking" by Hazel Cades, and "Life's Minor Collisions" by Warner.

Other newer books include "The Old Furniture Book," "Early American Furniture Makers," "Old Glass," and two novels—"The Island" by Gerald Warner Brice and "A Prayer For My Son" by Hugh Walpole.

### WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

(By The Associated Press)

Tuesday.

Senate:

Meets for routine business.

Wheeler committee resumes railroad financing inquiry.

La Follette committee continues labor espionage study.

House:

Begins consideration of deficiency-relief appropriation bill.

Military committee opens hearings on proposal to take profits out of war.

Banking committee opens hearings on extending housing modernization act.

Ways and means committee continues hearings on reciprocal trade agreement extension.

Monday:

Senate in recess.

House approves \$50,000,000 crop production loan bill.

QUANAH LOAN ASSOCIATION

REPORTS GAIN IN ASSETS

Quanah, Jan. 26.—The assets of the Quanah Federal Savings and Loan Association doubled during 1936, according to the annual report to stockholders made by officers and directors this week. The four per cent dividend was maintained during 1936 and all retiring directors were re-elected.

At a directors' meeting immediately following the annual meeting of stockholders, officers also were re-elected as follows: Spencer Morrow, president; A. A. Keys, vice president; R. R. Gilliland, secretary-treasurer.

MURDERER IS EXECUTED

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 26. (AP)—Luther Jones, 32-year-old ex-convict who murdered four men near Elko, Nev., in a \$40 holdup last Oct. 16, paid with his life in the State prison's lethal gas chamber Tuesday.

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## RAGING MISSISSIPPI CLAIMS SCORES OF LIVES AS FIRST RISE OF "SUPER FLOOD" HITS

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 26. (AP)—The Mississippi pounded ominously on its levees Tuesday while the South counted 34 dead and 100,000 homeless in what may be only the prelude to a "super flood" dwarfing even the 1927 deluge.

Red Cross officials announced 14 persons drowned early Tuesday when a rescue barge capsized at Paducah, Ky.

Upwards of 1,000,000 acres in the Mississippi basin are under water now but most of this has been done by tributary streams. None could say what would happen when the mad Ohio River dumped its still unreached crests into the parent waterway.

Engineers watched hopefully for results of their first major attempt to forestall disaster—the blastings of a levee below Cairo in Southern Illinois which released thousands of gallons of Mississippi water into a 131,000-acre basin, the Birds Point-New Madrid floodway in Southeast Missouri.

Warning a "super flood is on its way," came from Lieutenant-Colonel Reynolds, district chief of U. S. Army Engineers.

Wholesale evacuations of beleaguered towns in Tennessee, Western Kentucky, Southeastern Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi burdened refugee centers while the Mississippi felt out the strength of its confining dikes.

"There will be 55 feet in Memphis before the water now in sight from the Ohio moves out," Colonel Reynolds said, adding that the crest probably would come within 10 days or two weeks. He predicted general stages along the Mississippi some 10 feet beyond records set in the disastrous 1913 and 1927 floods.

The Mississippi hit 42 feet here

Tuesday, eight feet above flood stage and less than five from the 1913 record of 46.6.

The unleashed flood temporarily marooned thousands of lowlanders on the Missouri side of the river but at Cairo the Ohio remained stationary Tuesday at 58.65 foot stage, its rise temporarily checked. The threat of inundation was believed lifted for at least 48 hours.

P. J. Noonan, State Highway Department division engineer, said "at least 500 persons" were trapped in the vast Missouri basin. A survey plane pilot confirmed his estimate.

Two Negroes drowned and at least 10 persons were missing after the Mississippi rushed from its course with a current so strong it crushed houses and farm buildings in its path.

E. S. Engineers planned to blast a second opening in the floodway's front-line levee to permit free flow from the main channel.

Women and children hurried out of New Madrid at the southern end of the floodway after Army engineers and the Red Cross ordered that community and the entire southern section of New Madrid County evacuated.

There were reports farmers planned armed resistance but engineers encountered no opposition when they set the two dynamite charges.

It was suggested that should the flood reach a critical stage governors of the affected southern states declare martial law and dispatch troops to aid in evacuation with the Red Cross directing the task. It was estimated this would mean transfer of 300,000 persons from an area of 2,225,000 acres guarded by a 300-mile levee system—a bulwark thrown up after the disaster of 1937.

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### FLOODLIGHTS

(By The Associated Press)

Louisville—A reporter vouches for this story. A stranger asked a patrolman at Fourth and Walnut: "Which way is the Ohio River?" Spreading his arms the officer replied: "Anywhere you want to go, mister, you'll find it."

John Cowens, 24, rowing an expectant mother to a river boat waiting to rush her to a hospital, unexpectedly became a midwife when the baby was born in the boat. Mother and child were said to be doing fine. Another baby was born in a truck carrying refugees to a train.

Women who hold up rescue boats to powder their noses, or pleaded for boats to return to their homes to save refrigerators, radios or pianos, are the chief complaint of the men who have manned the boats for days and night with little rest.

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## SLOAN BALKS STRIKE TALKS

### G. M. C. PRESIDENT TURNS DOWN BID TO PARLEY ON SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES

Washington, Jan. 26. (AP)—Government efforts to negotiate the General Motors strike stalled again Tuesday over the refusal of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of the corporation, to confer with union leaders.

Sloan, replying to Secretary Perkins' invitation to a meeting Wednesday, said in New York his organization "must decline to negotiate further with the union while its representatives continue to hold our plants unlawfully."

Getting the sit-down strikers out of the factories, Sloan said, is not an issue to be negotiated further.

## Rescue Barge at Paducah Capsizes With 14 Refugees

Paducah, Ky., Jan. 26. (AP)—Fourteen persons drowned Tuesday when a rescue barge loaded with refugees capsized in the muddy floodwaters coursing the city's streets, Red Cross officials announced.

Details of the accident were not immediately available. Survivors swam to nearby buildings to safety.

The threat of fire rode gasoline-filled waters to add further worries. A 20,000 gallon tank toppled from its mooring in the city's southern supply district and spread a coating of inflammable fluid far across the murky water.

Refugees, riding boats over flooded streets, fled to nearby havens at the rate of 200 per hour, and a third of the 34,000 population was expected to be evacuated within the next few days. The city was under eight to 14 feet of water.

There were unconfirmed reports six have died in the waters. The hospitals were crowded to capacity.

### FLOOD FACTS

(By The Associated Press)

Homeless—At least 550,000.

Dead—At least 125 in 11 states: Kentucky 37 (including estimate of 12 in reformatory riot in which one official said toll might reach 45); Ohio, 13; Missouri, 13; West Virginia, 9; Tennessee, 23; Indiana, 6; Arkansas, 18; Illinois, 3; Mississippi, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, 1 each.

Weather outlook—Rain or snow in Ohio and Tennessee valleys. Clearing skies in Pennsylvania flood region, rain or snow in parts of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Relief measures—President Roosevelt designated \$700,000.00 proposed work relief appropriation as available for flood succor. Red Cross seeks \$4,000,000 in public contributions. Army troops actively aid state authorities—in Louisville and Frankfort, Ky.—first time in 19 years. Cities outside flood belt send nurses, boats, equipment.

### GOVERNMENT TO SURVEY OCEAN DEPTH IN GULF

Galveston, Jan. 26. (AP)—Government surveys of ocean depths in the Gulf off Galveston will be conducted for two years by 60 officers and men aboard the ship Hydrographer, starting in May, Lieutenant Commander F. S. Borden, commander of the ship, says.

The purpose is to bring nautical charts up to date, Borden says. The survey will be made from 60 to 70 miles off shore from shallow water to a depth of 100 fathoms, or 600 feet.

Borden says the work here will be from a point about opposite High Island to near Corpus Christi, continuing thereafter to the Rio Grande.

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